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REMARKS

It is appreciatively noted that claims 1, 3 to 6, and 12 to 16 have been allowed. Claim 12 has been rewritten in independent form, and, therefore, it is respectfully submitted that it remains allowable.

Since this Amendment places this application in condition for allowance, it is respectfully requested that non-elected claim 2, dependent on allowed claim 1, be rejoined and allowed. Claim 2 has also been rewritten in independent form, and, therefore, it is respectfully submitted that it remains allowable.

Claim 11 has been canceled.

Withdrawn claims 7 to 10, 17, and 21 to 23 have been canceled pursuant to the restriction requirement and thus without prejudice to the right of Applicant to file a divisional application directed thereto.

Since, as amended, this application contains 3 independent claims (claims 1, 2, and 12) and less than 20 total claims, no excess claims fees is occasioned by this Amendment.

Since this application has been placed in condition for allowance (allowance of claims 1 to 6 and 12 to 16, as amended), it is respectfully requested that this application be passed to issue. If it would aid in passing this application to issue, the Examiner is respectfully urged to call the attorney for Applicant at the number below.

Respectfully submitted,



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